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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

Cancel claims 1, 32 to 44, and 50 without prejudice as directed to a non-elected invention.

Amend claims 51 and 52 as follows:

- -- 51. A method of treating an MKK-mediated disorder in a patient, the method comprising administering to the patient a therapeutically effective amount of a reagent that modulates MKK activity.
- 52. The method of claim 51, wherein the MKK-mediated disorder is selected from the group consisting of ischemic heart disease, kidney failure, oxidative liver damage, respiratory distress syndrome, burns from heat, radiation burns, septic shock, rheumatoid arthritis, autoimmune disorders, and inflammatory diseases.--

Add new claims 56-74

356. The method of claim 52, wherein the radiation burn is caused by exposure to UV, X-rays, γ particles, or β particles.

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